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MEMORANDUM FOR :

APCSS-PG, HQ, USAF

SUBJECT

: Coordination of Operational Information

1. During the meeting in Project Headquarters on 6 April at 1600* at which the above subject was discussed, all those attending were in agreement that some degree of operational coordination between the two projects is highly desirable. Since both are preparing to gather information of similar nature from the same source, our primary differences being vested in types of equipment, methods of operating, and degrees of capability, an up to the minute, continuous exchange of certain operational information should work to the benefit of both agencies involved.

2. In order to hold to a minimum the passage of time involved in exchange of information which might prove vital to both our operational activities, we are having our security and communications people decide what type of exchange medium best fits our needs. This may involve teletype or telephone with scrambler circuitry connecting the two Operations Centers.

3. As we mentioned during our discussions, our Headquarters Operations Center will control all actual tactical operational missions. We will issue forthcoming mission prospectus to our flight detachments approximately 12 hours before take-off time. We agree to exchange such flight plans with your Headquarters. This exchange can be made between our Operations Centers by the communication link when it is in operation.

4. There is little doubt that if our flight activities are picked up by unfriendly countries some degree of reaction will ensue. It is natural that information on their reactions might prove vital to the degree of success we can obtain and should greatly enhance our sagacity in planning ensuing flights. Since both media at our disposal and in the Air Force may intercept different bits of information on unfriendly reactions, it is to our mutual security and benefit that we exchange such information as expeditiously as possible.

5. Your suggestion of an exchange briefing seems most appropriate. We believe that for security reasons the people in attendance should be limited to the few people who are directly connected with the daily

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planning of the overseas operations and who furthermore have a just reason to know. We are having our Operations Center personnel prepare a briefing which will present the concept of our own operations. This will include the political ladder we have had to ascend to lay on this operation and other hurdles we must get over before we dispatch an operational overseas flight. Samples of past or presently conducted training flights will be presented in order to show our anticipated capability, and of course areas of operation and flow of flight-obtained data will be outlined.

6. If the above concept for exchange of operational information for mutual benefit meets with Air Force approval, we would appreciate your written concurrence for purposes of record and initiation of necessary action within our project headquarters.

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